

XVIII. DESCRIPTION OF A NEW SPECIES
OF *HIPPOCAMPUS*.

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Hippocampus brachyrhynchus, n. sp.

Ann. 11+(33-37), Ann. subd. 2(-3)+1, D. 17-19, A. 4, P. 13-15, B. i. 6-8.

Annuli with blunt spines, nearly uniform, except on ann. vii t. and ann. iv, vii, xi and xiv c., where they are dorsally a little enlarged. Crista abdom. prominent, in males with a black cutaneous fringe (dewlap). No cutaneous appendages, except simple papillae on the breeding-pouch, more closely arranged in its posterior half. Coronet scarcely developed. Rostrum very short, $\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{3}{4}$ in postorbital length of head, up to $1\frac{1}{2}$ times in orbital diameter. Total length up to 70 mm.

Uniformly dark coloured; light radiating stripes from the eye.

Ind. Mus. No. 8508, 5 ♂, 4 ♀. Chilka Lake, Rambha Bay, Ganjam distr., Madras (*Chilka Survey*).

Ind. Mus. No. 14299, 1 ♂. Mekran Coast, Baluchistan (*F. W. Townsend*).

Types in the Indian Museum, Calcutta.